



DOWNTOWN UNITED SUMMER SERVICE

JULY 12, 2015

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

Prelude: Folk Tune (Whitlock)

Introit: Dance with the Spirit (sing twice) MV #156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome to the Church & Announcements

We Light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Hope in Christ!

Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.

Believe in Christ!

We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.

Live in Christ!

We embrace our inheritance, as children of God.

Prayer of Approach:

God of all creation, everything that you have made lifts its unique voice to praise you in all of your glory. Even as we worship here, we join our voices to the one true song — the song the morning stars began, the song King David danced, the song the angels echoed at the birth of your Son. Glory to you,

Holy God! Glory! Let this hour of worship be wholly to the praise of your glory. AMEN

*** Opening Hymn:**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

VU #240

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

*** Hymn:**

I Danced in the Morning

VU #352

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Unison)

In the midst of our "summer" lives, O Lord, so many things have claimed our attention. We worked hard this year to earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. But in the midst of all this, we have focused so much on our needs for physical change and peace that we have neglected our spiritual hungers and thirst. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us. Let us look at the world as a place of delight. And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to bring hope and peace. Be with us in this warm days of summer, preparing us for ministry and mission, in your holy name. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

The Prayer of Christ (sung)

VU #959

Piano Solo: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You/We Will Glorify (Tornquist)
Virginia Leiter

Prayer of Illumination:

Susan Short

As we approach the Word this day, let it be with a song in our hearts and praise on our lips. Give us minds to glimpse your call for us and a will to live it out. AMEN.

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24 VU #751

Gospel Reading:

Mark 6: 14-29

Rev. R. Bowley

Sermon:

Happily Ever After?

*** Hymn:**

God of the Bible

MV #28

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music

*** Doxology:**

VU #541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

*** Offertory Prayer:**

True God, accept our gifts: gifts of our lives, our souls, and our treasure.
Multiply and bless these gifts and consecrate them to the praise of your
glory. AMEN

*** Closing Hymn:**

Bless Now, O God, the Journey VU #633

*** Commissioning:**

Children of God, celebrate the life you have been given.

We will live our lives with all our might, as a dance to God's glory.

Live to the praise of God's glory!

Let our lives be a testament to God's awesome creation.

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Amen**

VU #967

Postlude:

Finale and Fugue

(Marburg)

If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

WELCOME to our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. A special welcome to our friends from St. Paul's. We're glad you're here! Everyone is invited to join us for **ICED TEA & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following this morning's service of worship.

SUMMER HOURS - OFFICE AT WILMOT

Just a reminder that beginning July 1st - the office will NOT be open on Mondays and Fridays. Office will be open 9 - 4:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

MANOR SERVICES THIS WEEK:

YORK MANOR - Thursday, July 16 at 2:30 p.m.

PINE GROVE - Sunday, July 19 at 3:00 p.m.

*** Please feel free to join us at either of these services. I am in need of a pianist and a singer or two for the Pine Grove service. If you are available, please let Ellen (206-1943) or Marlene (458-1066) know.

SPECIAL SENIORS BURSARY PROVISION at Tatamagouche Centre: Tatamagouche

Centre has received funding to support seniors participation in programs. They have used this to lower the cost of some programs like *Sacred Conversation with Diane Mills* (Oct. 18-20th), and *Spiritual Care for Elders* (Nov. 6-7). It also means they have a special seniors bursary fund for anyone 55 or older to reduce your cost to attend any program! The fund is limited, though, so please register early. The Centre strives to make their programs as accessible as possible. Please contact the Registrar to inquire about a bursary or payment plan. Phone: 1-800-218-2220

www.tatacentre/ca

THE PANTRY at St. Paul's will be closed for the month of July. Donations of food, funds or fundamental items are always appreciated and can be dropped off at the St. Paul's office.

PLAY GROUP: This Wednesday and through the summer, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a Wednesday morning play group will be held at St. Paul's. If you or someone you know has young children and an open Wednesday morning, come play at St. Paul's.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

June 28 – July 26 Combined Worship with St. Paul's held here at Wilmot - 10:30 am
Aug 2 – Aug 30 Combined Worship with St. Paul's held at St. Paul's - 10:30 am
Aug 14 & 15 - "Paint the Town for Hospice" held here at Wilmot
Aug 24-28 - Vacation Bible School with St. Paul's and Forest Hill - at Wilmot

"PAINT THE TOWN FOR HOSPICE"

Supporting Hospice, Fredericton, August 14 & 15, 2015

Wilmot United Church Hall

August 14 - 12:00 Noon to 6 p.m.

August 15 - 10:00 am - 4 p.m.

Come watch artists "paint the town" and show your support by buying one of a kind artwork.

For further information phone 472-8186

FISHING TOURNAMENT: Come join us for a great family afternoon by the water. Our first annual fishing tournament, ***Casting For A Cause***, is taking place at the Oromocto Riverfront on Sat. August 29th from 7a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a catch and release event open to all types of fishers. For more information visit www.kidney.ca/atlantic/castingforacause.

We are also looking for volunteers to help organize our Charmed Gala, taking place on October 30h at the Fredericton Inn. Contact Jennifer Vienneau for more information at 453-9352or jennifer.vienneau@kidney.ca."

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENT!

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 4th, because you will definitely want to be at Wilmot for worship. It is World wide Communion Sunday AND we have the great blessing of welcoming former Senator of Canada and past Moderator The Very Rev. Lois M. Wilson to our pulpit. Dr. Lois Wilson has just published a book "I Want to Be in That Number-Cool Saints I Have Known"—a book of reflections on 40 remarkable "saints" she has encountered over her years as minister, church Moderator, Senator, and international ecumenical leader. Every story is anchored in the scriptural text chosen for their funeral, and includes Margaret Laurence and Anglican Primate Ted Scott as well as lesser known but faithful Christians. In a highly individualistic culture, this book it invites the reader to consider all that is implied about community in the phrase "communion of saints." It offers hope and direction to a death-denying culture. It will be available for sale @ \$20 at coffee hour after church.

Presiding Ministers:

Rev. Richard Bowley (St. Paul's)

Rev. Ellen Beirsto (Wilmot)

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Organist: Virginia Leiter

Music Director: Steven Peacock

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